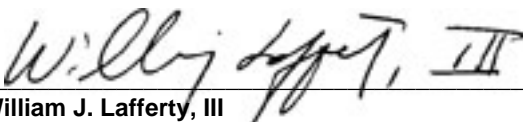




The following constitutes the order of the Court.
Signed: March 22, 2019


William J. Lafferty, III
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re:
TWILA MCEACHIN LANKFORD,
Debtor(s).

TWILA MCEACHIN LANKFORD,
Plaintiff,
v.
LAVETTE LANKFORD,
Defendant.

Case No. 17-43041 WJL
Chapter 11

Adversary No. 18-04057

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE ORDER

Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The parties will participate in a settlement conference before the Honorable Charles Novack on **March 27, 2019** beginning at **9:00 a.m.**

The settlement conference will begin in Courtroom 215 of the United States Bankruptcy Court, 1300 Clay Street, Oakland, California and will proceed as determined by the settlement judge. Individuals attending the conference must present government-issued picture identification before entering the bankruptcy court. The settlement conference will not be postponed absent leave of the

1 settlement judge.

2 2. Each party shall lodge a Settlement Conference Statement with the chambers of the
3 settlement judge no later than **4:00 p.m. on March 25, 2019**. Counsel should email Settlement
4 Conference Statements (not to exceed ten pages) to Laura_Dripps@canb.uscourts.gov. Settlement
5 Conference Statements should not be exchanged or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

6 3. The Settlement Conference Statement shall contain:

- 7 (a) A brief statement of the facts, specifying which facts the parties agree upon
8 and which major facts remain in dispute;
- 9 (b) A brief statement of the claims and defenses, with citation of particular
10 statutory or other authority which is controlling in the matter;
- 11 (c) The specific relief sought;
- 12 (d) An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, pre-trial
13 and trial;
- 14 (e) The history of past settlement discussions, including disclosure of prior and
15 any presently outstanding offers and demands;
- 16 (f) Any presently scheduled dates for a further status conference, pretrial
17 conference, or for trial; and
- 18 (g) Copies of any governing contracts or other documents which are central to the
19 case.

20 4. The parties should be prepared to present orally to the settlement judge a forthright
21 evaluation of the likelihood of prevailing on claims and defenses. The person or persons having full
22 authority to settle the matter shall appear at the settlement conference unless excused for good cause
23 shown on written application received by the settlement judge.

24 5. The settlement conference will not conclude absent leave of the settlement judge, who
25 may continue the conference from time to time at the judge's discretion. The settlement judge may
26 issue any order deemed appropriate to facilitate settlement or the expeditious resolution of the
27 dispute. **Parties and their counsel should be prepared to remain beyond normal business hours**
28 **if necessary; travel arrangements should be flexible and alternative arrangements should be**

1 made for routine personal and family commitments. The settlement judge will not normally
2 excuse parties or counsel except in the case of emergency or extreme inconvenience.

3 6. The parties must make a good faith attempt to settle the matter before the settlement
4 conference. The parties shall exchange written settlement offers (which shall include a factual and
5 legal analysis supporting their demands) by **March 25, 2019**.

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